

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
Atlanta DIVISION

Danny Lee Friend Jr  
(Print your full name)

Plaintiff *pro se*,

v.

City of Atlanta

(Print full name of each defendant; an  
employer is usually the defendant)

Defendant(s).

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO.

**1:25-CV-2653**

(to be assigned by Clerk)

**PRO SE EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT FORM**

**Claims and Jurisdiction**

1. This employment discrimination lawsuit is brought under (check only those that apply):

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Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e et seq., for employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, or retaliation for exercising rights under this statute.

**NOTE:** To sue under Title VII, you generally must have received a notice of right-to-sue letter from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC").

\_\_\_\_\_ Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621 et seq., for employment discrimination against persons age 40 and over, or retaliation for exercising rights under this statute.

**NOTE:** To sue under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, you generally must first file a charge of discrimination with the EEOC.

\_\_\_\_\_ Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq., for employment discrimination on the basis of disability, or retaliation for exercising rights under this statute.

**NOTE:** To sue under the Americans With Disabilities Act, you generally must have received a notice of right-to-sue letter from the EEOC.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case under the above-listed statutes and under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343.

**Parties**

3. Plaintiff. Print your full name and mailing address below:

Name Danny Lee Friend Jr

Address 6043 Navaho Trail, Morrow, Ga 30260

4. Defendant(s). Print below the name and address of each defendant listed on page 1 of this form:

Name City of Atlanta

Address 68 Mitchell St, Atlanta, Ga 30303

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Location and Time**

5. If the alleged discriminatory conduct occurred at a location different from the address provided for defendant(s), state where that discrimination occurred:

651 14th St NW, Atlanta, Ga 30318



6. When did the alleged discrimination occur? (State date or time period)

1/8/2024

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**Administrative Procedures**

7. Did you file a charge of discrimination against defendant(s) with the EEOC or any other federal agency? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If you checked "Yes," attach a copy of the charge to this complaint.

8. Have you received a Notice of Right-to-Sue letter from the EEOC?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you checked "Yes," attach a copy of that letter to this complaint and state the date on which you received that letter:

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9. If you are suing for **age discrimination**, check one of the following:

☐ 60 days or more have elapsed since I filed my charge of age discrimination with the EEOC

☐ Less than 60 days have passed since I filed my charge of age discrimination with the EEOC

10. If you were employed by an agency of the State of Georgia or unsuccessfully sought employment with a State agency, did you file a complaint against defendant(s) with the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

  X   Not applicable, because I was not an employee of, or applicant with, a State agency.

If you checked "Yes," attach a copy of the complaint you filed with the Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity and describe below what happened with it (i.e., the complaint was dismissed, there was a hearing before a special master, or there was an appeal to Superior Court):

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11. If you were employed by a Federal agency or unsuccessfully sought employment with a Federal agency, did you complete the administrative process established by that agency for persons alleging denial of equal employment opportunity?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

  X   Not applicable, because I was not an employee of, or applicant with, a Federal agency.

If you checked "Yes," describe below what happened in that administrative process:

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**Nature of the Case**

12. The conduct complained about in this lawsuit involves (check only those that apply):

☒ failure to hire me  
☒ failure to promote me  
☐ demotion  
☒ reduction in my wages  
☒ working under terms and conditions of employment that differed from similarly situated employees  
☐ harassment  
☒ retaliation  
☒ termination of my employment  
☐ failure to accommodate my disability  
☐ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

13. I believe that I was discriminated against because of (check only those that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ my race or color, which is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my religion, which is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my sex (gender), which is ☒ male ☐ female  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my national origin, which is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my age (my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ my disability or perceived disability, which is: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ my opposition to a practice of my employer that I believe violated the federal anti-discrimination laws or my participation in an EEOC investigation  
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\_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Write below, as clearly as possible, the essential facts of your claim(s). Describe specifically the conduct that you believe was discriminatory or retaliatory and how each defendant was involved. Include any facts which show that the actions you are complaining about were discriminatory or retaliatory. Take time to organize your statements; you may use numbered paragraphs if you find that helpful. Do not make legal arguments or cite cases or statutes.

After my Working Out of Class (WOC) claim was approved in June 2023, resulting in a raise and promotion, I was targeted in a false investigation about vehicle misuse.

Supervisors including Horton, Brayboy, Rackley, and Gates made contradictory or false statements, and I was terminated without warning or progressive discipline.

The City withheld my records despite multiple open records requests. I believe these actions were retaliatory and discriminatory.

(Attach no more than five additional sheets if necessary; type or write legibly only on one side of a page.)

15. Plaintiff   X   still works for defendant(s)  
no longer works for defendant(s) or was not hired

16. If this is a disability-related claim, did defendant(s) deny a request for reasonable accommodation?        Yes        No

If you checked "Yes," please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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17. If your case goes to trial, it will be heard by a judge unless you elect a jury trial. Do you request a jury trial?   X   Yes        No

**Request for Relief**

As relief from the allegations of discrimination and/or retaliation stated above, plaintiff prays that the Court grant the following relief (check any that apply):

       Defendant(s) be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

  X   Money damages (list amounts)        \$2,500,000

  X   Costs and fees involved in litigating this case

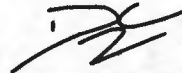
  X   Such other relief as may be appropriate



**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING THIS COMPLAINT**

Before you sign this Complaint and file it with the Clerk, please review Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for a full description of your obligation of good faith in filing this Complaint and any motion or pleading in this Court, as well as the sanctions that may be imposed by the Court when a litigant (whether plaintiff or defendant) violates the provisions of Rule 11. These sanctions may include an order directing you to pay part or all of the reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses incurred by the defendant(s). Finally, if the defendant(s) is the prevailing party in this lawsuit, costs (other than attorney's fees) may be imposed upon you under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(d)(1).

Signed, this 12 day of May, 20 25



\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of plaintiff *pro se*)

Danny L. Friend Jr

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed name of plaintiff *pro se*)

6043 Navaho Trail

\_\_\_\_\_  
(street address)

Morrow, Ga, 30260

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, and zip code)

Danny.friend21@gmail.com

\_\_\_\_\_  
(email address)

470-252-4501

\_\_\_\_\_  
(telephone number)



## U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Atlanta District Office  
100 Alabama Street, SW, Suite 4R30  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
1-800-669-4000  
Website: [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov)

### **DETERMINATION AND NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

(This Notice replaces EEOC FORMS 161, 161-A & 161-B)

Issued On: 02/12/2025

To: Mr. Danny Friend Jr.  
9106 Cobalt Way  
Stockbridge, GA 30281  
Charge No: 410-2024-09365

EEOC Representative and email: SAMANTHA MCKINNEY  
Senior Investigator  
[samantha.mckinney@eeoc.gov](mailto:samantha.mckinney@eeoc.gov)

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### **DETERMINATION OF CHARGE**

The EEOC issues the following determination: The EEOC will not proceed further with its investigation and makes no determination about whether further investigation would establish violations of the statute. This does not mean the claims have no merit. This determination does not certify that the respondent is in compliance with the statutes. The EEOC makes no finding as to the merits of any other issues that might be construed as having been raised by this charge.

### **NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT TO SUE**

This is official notice from the EEOC of the dismissal of your charge and of your right to sue. If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) on this charge under federal law in federal or state court, **your lawsuit must be filed WITHIN 90 DAYS of your receipt of this notice.** Receipt generally occurs on the date that you (or your representative) view this document. You should keep a record of the date you received this notice. Your right to sue based on this charge will be lost if you do not file a lawsuit in court within 90 days. (The time limit for filing a lawsuit based on a claim under state law may be different.)

If you file a lawsuit based on this charge, please sign in to the EEOC Public Portal and upload the court complaint to charge 410-2024-09365.

On behalf of the Commission,

Digitally Signed By: Darrell E. Graham  
02/12/2025

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Darrell E. Graham  
District Director

**Cc:**

**Bill Hawthorne**

**Incluent**

**185 Ted Turner Dr SW**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Kristi Johnson**

**72 Marietta St NW**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Candace Kollas**

**City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management**

**72 Marietta St NW**

**Atlanta, GA 30303**

**Please retain this notice for your records.**



Enclosure with EEOC Notice of Closure and Rights (01/22)

**INFORMATION RELATED TO FILING SUIT  
UNDER THE LAWS ENFORCED BY THE EEOC**

*(This information relates to filing suit in Federal or State court under Federal law. If you also plan to sue claiming violations of State law, please be aware that time limits may be shorter and other provisions of State law may be different than those described below.)*

**IMPORTANT TIME LIMITS – 90 DAYS TO FILE A LAWSUIT**

If you choose to file a lawsuit against the respondent(s) named in the charge of discrimination, you must file a complaint in court **within 90 days of the date you receive this Notice**. Receipt generally means the date when you (or your representative) opened this email or mail. You should **keep a record of the date you received this notice**. Once this 90-day period has passed, your right to sue based on the charge referred to in this Notice will be lost. If you intend to consult an attorney, you should do so promptly. Give your attorney a copy of this Notice, and the record of your receiving it (email or envelope).

If your lawsuit includes a claim under the Equal Pay Act (EPA), you must file your complaint in court within 2 years (3 years for willful violations) of the date you did not receive equal pay. This time limit for filing an EPA lawsuit is separate from the 90-day filing period under Title VII, the ADA, GINA, the ADEA, or the PWFA referred to above. Therefore, if you also plan to sue under Title VII, the ADA, GINA, the ADEA or the PWFA, in addition to suing on the EPA claim, your lawsuit must be filed within 90 days of this Notice and within the 2- or 3-year EPA period.

Your lawsuit may be filed in U.S. District Court or a State court of competent jurisdiction. Whether you file in Federal or State court is a matter for you to decide after talking to your attorney. You must file a "complaint" that contains a short statement of the facts of your case which shows that you are entitled to relief. Filing this Notice is not enough. For more information about filing a lawsuit, go to <https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/lawsuit.cfm>.

**ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION**

For information about locating an attorney to represent you, go to:  
<https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/lawsuit.cfm>.

In very limited circumstances, a U.S. District Court may appoint an attorney to represent individuals who demonstrate that they are financially unable to afford an attorney.

**HOW TO REQUEST YOUR CHARGE FILE AND 90-DAY TIME LIMIT FOR REQUESTS**

There are two ways to request a charge file: 1) a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request or 2) a "Section 83" request. You may request your charge file under either or both procedures. EEOC can generally respond to Section 83 requests more promptly than FOIA requests.

Since a lawsuit must be filed within 90 days of this notice, please submit your FOIA and/or Section 83 request for the charge file promptly to allow sufficient time for EEOC to respond and for your review.

**To make a FOIA request for your charge file**, submit your request online at <https://eeoc.arkcase.com/foia/portal/login> (this is the preferred method). You may also submit a FOIA request for your charge file by U.S. Mail by submitting a signed, written request identifying your request as a "FOIA Request" for Charge Number 410-2024-09365 to the

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District Director at Darrell E. Graham, 100 Alabama Street, SW Suite 4R30, Atlanta, GA 30303.

**To make a Section 83 request for your charge file**, submit a signed written request stating it is a "Section 83 Request" for Charge Number 410-2024-09365 to the District Director at Darrell E. Graham, 100 Alabama Street, SW Suite 4R30, Atlanta, GA 30303.

You may request the charge file up to 90 days after receiving this Notice of Right to Sue. After the 90 days have passed, you may request the charge file only if you have filed a lawsuit in court and provide a copy of the court complaint to EEOC.

For more information on submitting FOIA requests, go to <https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/foia/index.cfm>.

For more information on submitted Section 83 requests, go to <https://www.eeoc.gov/foia/section-83-disclosure-information-charge-files>.

EEOC Form 5 (11/09)

<b>CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION</b>  This form is affected by the Privacy Act of 1974. See enclosed Privacy Act Statement and other information before completing this form.		Charge Presented To: <b>EEOC</b>  Agency(ies) Charge No(s): <b>410-2024-09365</b>	
and EEOC			
_____ State or local Agency, if any			
I Name (indicate Mr., Ms., Mrs., Miss, Mx., Dr., Hon., Rev.) <b>Mr. Danny Friend Jr.</b>		Home Phone <b>470-252-4501</b>	Year of Birth <b>1988</b>
Street Address <b>9106 Cobalt Way</b> <b>STOCKBRIDGE, GA 30281</b>			
Named is the Employer, Labor Organization, Employment Agency, Apprenticeship Committee, or State or Local Government Agency That I Believe Discriminated Against Me or Others. (If more than two, list under PARTICULARS below.)			
Name <b>City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management</b>		No. Employees, Members <b>501+ Employees</b>	Phone No.
Street Address <b>72 Marietta St NW</b> <b>ATLANTA, GA 30303</b>			
Name		No. Employees, Members	Phone No.
Street Address			
City, State and ZIP Code			
DISCRIMINATION BASED ON		DATE(S) DISCRIMINATION TOOK PLACE	
Retaliation		Earliest <b>01/08/2024</b>	Latest <b>01/08/2024</b>
THE PARTICULARS ARE (If additional paper is needed, attach extra sheet(s)): I. I was hired by the above-named employer on May 19, 2016. I was most recently employed as a Senior Desktop Support Technician. On October 13, 2023, I complained to the City of Atlanta Inspector General Office and Human Resources of age discrimination. On January 8, 2024, I was terminated without notice. I had no prior disciplinary or performance issues.  II. I was told that I was involuntarily terminated.  III. I believe that I have been retaliated against for engaging in protected activity, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.			
I want this charge filed with both the EEOC and the State or local Agency, if any. I will advise the agencies if I change my address or phone number and I will cooperate fully with them in the processing of my charge in accordance with their procedures.		NOTARY – When necessary for State and Local Agency Requirements	
I declare under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.  <b>Digitally Signed By: Mr. Danny Friend Jr.</b>  <b>06/17/2024</b>		I swear or affirm that I have read the above charge and that it is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. SIGNATURE OF COMPLAINANT   SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS DATE (month, day, year)	
Charging Party Signature			



CP Enclosure with EEOC Form 5 (11/09)

**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT:** Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Pub. Law 93-579, authority to request personal data and its uses are:

1. **FORM NUMBER/TITLE/DATE.** EEOC Form 5, Charge of Discrimination (11/09).
2. **AUTHORITY.** 42 U.S.C. 2000e-5(b), 29 U.S.C. 211, 29 U.S.C. 626, 42 U.S.C. 12117, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff-6.
3. **PRINCIPAL PURPOSES.** The purposes of a charge, taken on this form or otherwise reduced to writing (whether later recorded on this form or not) are, as applicable under the EEOC anti-discrimination statutes (EEOC statutes), to preserve private suit rights under the EEOC statutes, to invoke the EEOC's jurisdiction and, where dual-filing or referral arrangements exist, to begin state or local proceedings.
4. **ROUTINE USES.** This form is used to provide facts that may establish the existence of matters covered by the EEOC statutes (and as applicable, other federal, state or local laws). Information given will be used by staff to guide its mediation and investigation efforts and, as applicable, to determine, conciliate and litigate claims of unlawful discrimination. This form may be presented to or disclosed to other federal, state or local agencies as appropriate or necessary in carrying out EEOC's functions. A copy of this charge will ordinarily be sent to the respondent organization against which the charge is made.
5. **WHETHER DISCLOSURE IS MANDATORY; EFFECT OF NOT GIVING INFORMATION.** Charges must be reduced to writing and should identify the charging and responding parties and the actions or policies complained of. Without a written charge, EEOC will ordinarily not act on the complaint. Charges under Title VII, the ADA or GINA must be sworn to or affirmed (either by using this form or by presenting a notarized statement or unsworn declaration under penalty of perjury); charges under the ADEA should ordinarily be signed. Charges may be clarified or amplified later by amendment. It is not mandatory that this form be used to make a charge.

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL WEIGHT REVIEW**

Charges filed at a state or local Fair Employment Practices Agency (FEPA) that dual-files charges with EEOC will ordinarily be handled first by the FEPA. Some charges filed at EEOC may also be first handled by a FEPA under worksharing agreements. You will be told which agency will handle your charge. When the FEPA is the first to handle the charge, it will notify you of its final resolution of the matter. Then, if you wish EEOC to give Substantial Weight Review to the FEPA's final findings, you must ask us in writing to do so within 15 days of your receipt of its findings. Otherwise, we will ordinarily adopt the FEPA's finding and close our file on the charge.

#### **NOTICE OF NON-RETALIATION REQUIREMENTS**

Please **notify** EEOC or the state or local agency where you filed your charge **if retaliation is taken against you or others** who oppose discrimination or cooperate in any investigation or lawsuit concerning this charge. Under Section 704(a) of Title VII, Section 4(d) of the ADEA, Section 503(a) of the ADA and Section 207(f) of GINA, it is unlawful for an *employer* to discriminate against present or former employees or job applicants, for an *employment agency* to discriminate against anyone, or for a *union* to discriminate against its members or membership applicants, because they have opposed any practice made unlawful by the statutes, or because they have made a charge, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under the laws. The Equal Pay Act has similar provisions and Section 503(b) of the ADA prohibits coercion, intimidation, threats or interference with anyone for exercising or enjoying, or aiding or encouraging others in their exercise or enjoyment of, rights under the Act.